bic lagoons. One such unit at Sangli is having certain deficiencies in its system, as it did not have arrangement for disposal of treated waste water. At present a scheme is under implementation at a cost of Rs. 120 lakhs to dispose of treated wastes through an irrigation system.

SAARC meeting

218. PROF. CHANDRESH P. THAKUR:

SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how far was the recent SAARC meeting able to achieve its objectives;

(b) whether there has been any progress in regional cooperation on economic issues and if so, what is the outlook in this regard; and

(c) whether it is a fact that professional contacts through non-Governmental agencies are being promoted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) To a considerable extent.

(b) Yes, Sir. It is expected that such cooperation will expand further.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Promotion of tourism in Rajasthan

219. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state the financial allocation made by the Central Government for the promotion of tourism in Rajasthan during the Seventh Five Year Plan Period, scheme-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): The Ministry of Tourism does not allocate funds Statewise but schemewise. The Ministry gives financial assistance to States on the basis of proposals received from State Governments, subject to merits of the case, availability of funds and inter-se priorities. However, during the 7th Five Year Plan Period, the following projects have been sanctioned for Rajasthan so far:-

(Rs. in lakhs)

Name of the Scheme	Amount Sanctioned
(i) Improvement and modernisation of Indra Ghat and Karni Ghat at Pushkar	12.99
(ii) Mawar Festival	8.80
(iii) Provision of mini buses/Jeeps for Alwar, Ranthambor and Bharatpur Wild Life Santuaries	4.77
(iv) Boats for Fatch Sagar, Lake, Udaipur	3.94
(v) Camel Safari in Thar Desert	7.20
(vi) Cafeteria at Tal Vriksh	5.92